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Members of the Sumpter Board of Trustees are facing a $3 million decision after being told it could cost $27,500 to replace the doors at township hall.

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The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center, the Canton center for tweens and teens ages 11 to 17, is celebrating the 20th anniversary this year.

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New reports indicate that State Representative Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) and a woman passenger both were partially undressed when police approached his crashed SUV.

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Andrew Krenz was officially sworn into office April 27 as the newest member of the Northville City Council.

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More than 3,000 individuals received the COVID-19 vaccine at the Plymouth Cultural Center in March and April, according to city records.

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The man who posted a Snapchat video of his dead father's corpse and called 911 in Romulus to report the fatal shooting has been released on bond.

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More than 130 volunteers participated in the April 24 Clean Up Day in Wayne. Rotary Club members who helped organized the event sent a special note of gratitude to those who helped collect trash from around the city.

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Westland police have a new partner in efforts to provide stronger, more immediate resources to victims of domestic violence.

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Canton establishes police oversight subcommittee

Julie Brown
Special Writer

A newly formed group will oversee the Canton Police Department.

"How do you essentially police the police? It comes down to legitimacy. You need public trust," said Chad Baugh, Canton director of police services during the regular meeting of the board of trustees last week.

To that end, he said, the Canton Police Department in collaboration with the Canton Coalition for Inclusive Communities (CCIC) has developed a new initiative called the Police Transparency and Guidance Subcommittee. This group will operate as a subcommittee out of the CCIC, and be tasked with examining police misconduct investigations, with an emphasis on complaints regarding use of force, false arrest and complaints alleging racial profiling or bias-based policing.

"This committee will help express a community-driven voice as it relates to police service," said Baugh. "As we deploy some of the best police officers in our state, we are at the same time increasing our transparency and developing another mechanism to find solutions and build a stronger bond with our citizens," Baugh added.

The committee will be citizen-led, consisting of five diverse members of the CCIC who will provide annual reports with possible recommendations to the police chief. These reports and recommendations will be reviewed with the township supervisor and board of trustees, and the chief will address any strategic programming needs to meet the service expectations of the Canton community.

"We are proud to say that Canton is taking a proactive step in strengthening our police and community partnership," said Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak. "The new committee will not replace any of the current policy processes we have in place, but instead increase transparency and commitment to our residents," Graham-Hudak added.

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Sumpter Township Fire Chief contract terminated by trustees

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees terminated the contract of Fire Chief Joe Januszyk during the April 27 meeting.

Township Supervisor Tim Bowman made the motion for the termination based on concerns regarding Januszyk's job performance during the past 14 months and comments the chief made during a hearing two weeks ago concerning the performance of fire department employee Colleen Armatis. Januszyk, like Armatis, opted for a public hearing regarding any disciplinary action. The board voted to terminate Januszyk with Trustee Peggy Morgan and Treasurer Jim Clark casting the two no votes. The termination was specified as "without cause" allowing Januszyk seven days notice and then 30 days full pay.

During the public discussion, Januszyk said he understood that the issue was comments he made about the whistleblower during the Armatis hearing. In that instance, a protected source had informed Public Safety Director Eric Luke that Armatis had been fraudulently completing time cards and taking double pay for time she was doing administrative work at township hall and then being called out on fire calls.

> *You documented somebody committing payroll fraud. That oversight was your responsibility.*

Union regulations require that an employee being paid hourly deduct those hours from that pay scale when called to a fire and be paid for the call, not collect both the hourly and the per call fee. Armatis was on the union negotiating team which agreed to that new contract procedure. Armatis was terminated by the board members by the same 5-2 vote. During that hearing earlier, which Armatis opted to have in public, Januszyk commented that "someone knew about this for 14 months and sat on it. They are as guilty as she is."

At the hearing last week, however, Januszyk explained that he had been on a fire call for the previous 8 1/2 hours and had not eaten which, he said, for a diabetic results. like himself, in low blood sugar and makes one "loopy." He said that he now understood from Luke that the person who brought the complaint forward had not been keeping it confidential for any length of time and that he had misunderstood the situation.

"I have no problem with that person. I assumed it was 14 months. I have no problem with the whistleblower," Januszyk told the board members.

Bowman, however, remained unconvinced.

"I do not think you were doing your job for the last 14 months," he said.

His opinion was seconded by Trustee Don LaPorte, a longtime supporter of the fire department.

Chief Joe Januszyk

"You made comments at the meeting that the person who came forward was just as guilty as she (Armatis) was. Those are your words. For 14 months you had oversight and put your name on the payroll reports. You documented somebody committing payroll fraud. That oversight was your responsibility," LaPorte said.

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4 electric vehicle charging stations planned in Westland

Drivers can now get a charge in Westland.

Four level 2 electric vehicle charging stations will be installed on city-owned property for public use following approval of a contract with Greenspot by members of the city council during the April 5 meeting.

Greenspot, an award-winning leader in electric vehicle charging station development, installation and management, based out of Jersey City, NJ. has been developing e-Mobility Hubs in cities and private developments throughout the United States and Internationally since 2014, according to the company website.

The contract is among efforts outlined in the 2017 Westland Master Plan, which identified advancing green practices as one of the primary goals for the future. Along with that goal, as well as the city Mission: Green initiative, members of the community expressed the desire for a practical plan to replace carbon-based fuel consumption.

Proposed locations for the new charging stations include Westland City Hall, the Westland Public Library and the Friendship Senior Center. Initial installation locations are subject to change, officials cautioned.

Under this new agreement, Greenspot will install, own and maintain the four charging stations and will engage DTE directly to install independent meters for electric usage at each site location. Greenspot will be responsible for all costs.

"In addition to being a no-cost initiative for the city, Westland will also receive 5 percent of the annual revenues gen-

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Chief

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Januszyk said that he had never denied the responsibility and LaPorte responded, "We all have to take responsibility for our choices."

Trustee Peggy Morgan noted that Januszyk had been with the fire department in the township for 43 years and claimed that 95 percent of the current firefighters supported him and did not want him fired. She attempted to revisit the Armatis hearing but was cautioned by fellow trustees and township attorney Rob Young that "Colleen is not the issue. She had her opportunity two weeks ago." Young said the issues, as he understood it, were the comments Januszyk made at the hearing about the whistleblower being "just as guilty" as Armatis, 'Joe not doing his job;" a failure of Januszyk to train employees and the continued double pay being approved under his supervision.

Following comments from Morgan, Trustee Tim Rush asked Bowman to ensure that the meeting remained civil and adhered to Roberts' Rules of Order, having trustees request the floor from the chair if they wished to speak. Morgan continued to complain and protested repeatedly prompting Trustee Matt Oddy to respond that the other board members were only asking her to behave in a civil manner.

After an explanation of the correct procedures and a caution from Young, the board members voted on the formal motion to terminate Januszyk with Morgan offering no further discussion.

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

NOTICE:
To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order(s) and MDHHS directive(s) regarding remote public meetings.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 8:12 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Treasurer Clark, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Januszyk and 13 attendees.

3. **Agenda:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the agenda with the following edits; New Business, Item C; amend date to March 9, 2021 and add "with no further benefits". New Business, Item D; amend dates respectively as April 19th, 2021 and April 5th, 2021. New Business, Item F; table until March 23rd, 2021.
   New Business, Item H; table until March 23rd, 2021.
   New Business, Item I; add "A Hiring Committee consisting of Supervisor Bowman, Trustee LaPorte, Chief Luke, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell and Det. Toth will conduct the applicant process".
   Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. **Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:** No comments were received.

5. **Minutes:**
Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. **Warrants:**
Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve warrants totaling: $1,281,881.90.
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. **Supervisor's Report - Bowman:**
   - The Treasurers' office is to be commended for the great job they did on the last couple of days for residents to pay their taxes. They ensured that social distance was maintained and were efficient in their processing of payments. I understand they were making sure if the residents needed that they took a pack of masks that we are distributing.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Supervisor's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor
T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. **Treasurer's Report - Clark:**
   - As Treasurer of Sumpter Township I have now received 2 Public Service Credit Union Cards for the Township. Both cards will be in our office, one in my name and the other Deputy Treasurer Toni Clark. It took a lot of work for this to happen. Finance Director Elle Cole had to identify the accounts that were at the credit union, correct names on the accounts for signatures and correct bank records.
   - I would like to let residents know that on the Sumpter Township Website there is information on assistance for water bill expenses. Look for Wayne Metro Connect Center (313) 388- 9799. You will find more information under the Treasurer's office. Residents can also e-mail for help with expenses at www.waynemetro.org/CARE.
   - Tax season is over. Residents can no longer pay their taxes to the Sumpter Township Treasurer's Office. Those who still need to pay taxes must contact Wayne County Treasurer's Office (313) 224-5990 or TAXINFO@waynecounty.com
   - The process for the D.I.F.S. (Department of Insurance & Financial Services) is still underway to establish this account. Finance Director Elle O'Connell is trying to hold expenses while getting us a policy that works to our benefit.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to receive and file the Attorney's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. **Attorney's Report - Young:**
Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to receive and file the Attorney's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. **Police Report - Chief Luke:**
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Morgan to approve the Police report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. **Building/Ordinance Report - Bowman:**
Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to receive and file the Building/Ordinance report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. **Fire Report - Chief Januszyk:**
   - Chief Januszyk asks that residents remember with Daylight Saving Time comes checking your Smoke & CO2 Detectors' batteries.
   - Supervisor Bowman added that wanted to personally thank the Sumpter Township 1st Responders. During an incident, the team was there within 12 minutes and he wanted to express his appreciation.

Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the Fire report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. **Board Response:**
   - Trustee Rush wanted to advise that there will be an Earth Day Clean-up on Saturday, April 24, 2021 and volunteers are urgently needed. Please support the Parks & Recreation Commission and lend a hand. Representatives from EGLE (MDEQ) and Republic Services will be there with information, as well.
   - Trustee Rush also advises that April begins the SkyWarn Training for 2021. Initially, training will only be available to 1st Responders and Township personnel.

14. **New Business:**
   A. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to approve of extended leave absence for probationary firefighter Jacob Kosikowski due to military service - effective March 14, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve to accept the 3-year audit proposal from PSLZ LLP for fiscal year(s) 2021 of $15,000, 2022 of $15,400 and 2023 of $15,800. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   C. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve to accept the resignation of Michelle Bellingham effective **March 9, 2021 with no further benefits**. Roll call vote: Yes:
   * Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to hold in-person public Township meetings per the revised MDHHS Order effective **April 19th, 2021**, with the Township
   * Hall opening to the public on **April 5th, 2021** pursuant to current Executive Order and MDHHS directives and operating compliance (face coverings, maximum allowable individuals, social distancing). Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   E. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve of updated Washtenaw County Mutual Aid Agreement for the fire department. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   F. **TABLED until March 23rd, 2021**. Consider approval for HR Coordinator and Payroll
   * Services through ADP, due to emergency need not to exceed $55,000 per year.

   G. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve for temporary payroll processing services for 8 weeks, not to exceed $4,000 until ADP Implementation is completed. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   H. **TABLED until March 23rd, 2021**. Consider approval to extend our Public Safety
   * Director, Chief Eric Luke, contract for three years, holding at the same salary and benefits as of this date, $103,376 annually..

   I. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve to hire a second Ordinance Officer, interviews commencing upon approval, with hire start date not prior to April 1, 2021.
   * Base pay of $49,566 plus benefits. **A Hiring Committee consisting of Supervisor Bowman, Trustee LaPorte, Chief Luke, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell and Det. Toth will conduct the applicant process.** Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   J. Motion by Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve for removing tires from the recycling area behind the Township Hall, not to exceed $4,500 for one-time removal due to fire hazard, which may qualify for grant reimbursement. Additionally, consider approval to explore a long-term contact to haul tires regularly ~~or direction to halt the tire recycling project as charges for services far exceed revenue~~. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   K. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve to purchase a new police department furnace at the cost of $7,700. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

15. **Announcements:** None.

16. **Open Floor:** Two (2) Attendees spoke.

17. **Adjournment:** Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

*Amended during Regular Board Meeting

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

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Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:53 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Clerk E. Hurst (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Treasurer J. Clark (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Trustees: Oddy (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Rush (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), LaPorte (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI) and Morgan (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI). Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Deputy Treasurer Clark, Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, HR Bellingham and 14 attendees.

3. **Agenda:** Motion by LaPorte supported by Morgan to approve the Agenda with the following amendments;
   14. New Business, Item A; add "not to exceed $1,600.00."
   14. New Business, Item F; remove last sentence "**Requesting DPW to assist with providing a partition with the cost not to exceed $500.00.**"

Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. **Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:** No Comments.

5. **Minutes:**
Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve the following Regular Board Meeting Minutes and accept the following Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes;

   A. Approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021.
   B. Accept Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2020.
   C. Accept Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 15th, 2020.
   D. Accept Parks & Recreation Executive Board Meeting Minutes of February 19th, 2020.
   E. Accept Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of August 19th, 2020.
   F. Accept Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 20th, 2021.

Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. **Warrants:**
   - Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the warrants total of $3,108,489.32. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
   - Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept Revenue & Expenditures Report for period ending 01/31/2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. **Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report - Rush:**
   - Trustee Rush reported that no recent news on Parks & Recreation activities and that he is following up with Don Swinson and the local Chamber of Commerce(s) to collect information on their activities, as well.
     Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to accept the Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. **Water & Sewer Report - Clark:**
   - Trustee Oddy inquired and Treasurer Clark discussed the current status of water shutoff activities due to the COVID restrictions and its impact on outstanding water bill collections.
     Motion by LaPorte, supported by Morgan to approve the Water & Sewer Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. **Planning & Zoning Report - Oddy:**
   - Trustee Oddy advised of the 2/11/2021 Planning Commission and the review, legal compliance of the Signs Ordinance activities with a follow up to this business scheduled for 3/11/2021. He asked that Attorney Young address the current member(s) assigned to the commission and the requested increase from (7) to (9) members.
   - Attorney Young advised that the member(s) will increase to (9) total as adjusted in a new bylaw to the Ordinance and stated that this be no more than a 15-day publish period (due to it not being a Zoning Ordinance), if approved and adopted by the Board with this reports' motion and roll call vote.
     Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to approve the Planning & Zoning Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. **Senior Report:**
   - Meals on Wheels is distributed on Mondays to 48 Homebound clients
   - TEFAP (Commodities) Program distribution is on the third Thursday, (March 18th) from 9:00am to 11:00am we distribute drive thru style at the rear hallway entrance, if you have any questions please call Maryann 734-461-9373.
   - Call the Senior Center office 734-461-9373 for assistance going online to register/schedule covid-19 vaccine at Meijer or RiteAid.
   - Our Senior Center is a MICAFE site offering assistance applying for the Bridge card or other benefits one may qualify for call Maryann for more information
   - Free Masks (provided by Wayne County) for Sumpter Residents are available on the front porch of the community center and Township Hall.

     Motion by LaPorte, supported by Morgan to approve the Senior Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. **Treasurer's Report - Clark:**
   Motion by Clark, supported by Morgan to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. **Board Response:**
   - Trustee Rush noted a recent negative letter published by the Belleville Independent on the Sumpter Township warming center and the Fire Department / Police Department first responders. The same reporting was used to disparage the community's cooling center. He further indicated the inaccuracies and false statements in the letter. Trustee Oddy agreed and noted that Sumpter Township still has a continued need to defend itself from false statements and inaccurate information being shared with our residents. Many who only have the Belleville Independent to rely on for community information. Chief Luke advised of the actual activities and notifications in support of the community with its warming and cooling center.
   - Attorney Young noted to the Board the dynamics of the local media and reporting by the Belleville Independent with little expectation that this will change.
   - Chief Luke addressed current COVID vaccines, its availability and his assurance that any updates or news on this issue would be communicated immediately with the Community via Nixle alert, social media pages of the Fire & Police departments, the Township website and Channel 12 notifications.

13. **Unfinished Business:**
   A. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to appoint Eric Partridge to the Planning Commission with an effective term
   * date of (3) years from Ordinance approval and date of oath. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: Oddy and Rush,. Motion carried.
     Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the reappointment of Bart Patterson with a term date of 01/11/2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. **New Business:**
   A. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to direct the Sumpter Township CWA Planner/Engineer to define connection
   * points with surrounding communities for Sumpter's access to the Michigan pedestrian bike trails program not to exceed $1,600.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Elle Cole O'Connell as Deputy Supervisor yearly salary as part time, less than 20 hours per week to perform the statutory duties of the Supervisor in his absence at a yearly salary of $8,406.00. No additional benefits in addition to her duties as our financial director, effective February 12th, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.

   C. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to accept the Sumpter Parks & Recreation Commission recommendations to cancel the Easter Egg Hunt, Sumpter Festival, Family Day and any other events till August, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   D. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to, in recognition of the current freeze on all capital expenditures placed by the Board of Trustees on December 15th, 2020, paint and purchase office furnishings for the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor offices, total cost for both offices not to exceed $5,000. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   E. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve of Treasurer James Clark and Deputy Treasurer Toni Clark to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association 2021 Basic Institute-Full Conference $450.00 each. Dates 4/26 thru 4/29/2021. The Conference is now by Zoom, full day trainings. Municipal Member ship fee $150 must be paid in advance. Total cost $1,050.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve opening the Township Hall to residents for the last two days taxes can
   * be paid on 2/26 and 3/1/2021. Also requesting consideration that the front area past the treasurer's office be blocked off to the public. The front door will only be the point of entry for residents to pay bills. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   G. Motion by Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve of Resolution # 2021-06 regarding Parks Millage Funding Allocations for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of $11,478. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. **Announcements:**
   - Trustee Morgan advises that the office of Wayne County Executive, Warren Evans has offered to team up with Sumpter
   ** Township for a project with Habitat for Humanity and Forgotten Harvest. Trustee further advises that she will pursue additional information and coordinate with the Sumpter Township Community & Senior Center.
   - Trustee Morgan stated that she would like to discuss at the next workshop the possibility of a Grant Writer to assist Sumpter Township in taking advantage of available funding support for projects and initiatives.

15. **Open Floor:** Two (2) attendees spoke.
   - Eric Partridge, newly appointed member to the Sumpter Township Planning Commission, advised that he wished to resign from this appointment.
     Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept the resignation of Eric Partridge from the Sumpter Township Planning Commission effective immediately. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

16. **Adjournment:** Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

*Amended during Regular Board Meeting
**Added with consideration during 3/9/2021 Regular Board Meeting

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Belleville - Sumpter

Supervisor suggests need for new Sumpter Township Hall

Members of the Sumpter Board of Trustees are facing a $3 million decision after being told it could cost $27,500 to replace the doors at township hall.

During a study session of the trustees last week, board members were told that the replacement of the front and rear doors at township hall would cost nearly $30,000 due to the corrosion and wear on the parts, prompting Trustee Don LaPorte to question the wisdom of spending that amount of money. LaPorte suggested exploring the possibility of repairing the current doors and suggested that the expertise of Supervisor Tim Bowman might help determine if repair rather than replacement would be possible.

Bowman said he had worked with Crawford Door, the company providing the estimate, for many years and that he was sure that even with the significant corrosion the doors could be repaired.

"I think the doors can be fixed," he said, "but this building needs a roof before doors. I'm sitting in my office looking at ceiling tiles. We need to pay more attention to the roof than the doors."

Bowman added that all the township buildings are not up to date and were constructed in the 70s. "The flow is like a fox den," he said.

"I see people coming in here all the time trying to find departments." He suggested that there were some potential drawings of a structure which could house all the township operations in one building that might be available.

"We need a new township hall," Bowman said.

Trustee Tim Rush agreed but noted that the board members should still explore some type of repairs to the current doors. "A new township hall would take time. It could take 2 or 3 years," he said.

Trustee Matt Oddy said that while the township had installed an Americans With Disabilities compliant door in the rear of township hall, one was still needed in front.

"An expansion would take 3-5 years and cost $3 million. We would have to fund that with a millage, a bond issue or something," he said and reminded the board members that the township does own the property next door to the south of the current building.

"The bottom line is price,"

commented LaPorte. "It shouldn't be a hard sell. We are in need of a new building."

Rush reminded the board that the superior bond rating the township currently enjoys would be beneficial should they make the decision to proceed with plans for a new building.

"It is time to start looking at that," Bowman said. "All the township buildings are in bad shape."

Trustees voted unanimously to remove the door replacement expense from the agenda and have Bowman explore repair options.

Van Buren officials seeking public input about 'Sumpter Corridor'

> *One of the striking results of the meeting was that there is no consensus yet.*

Plans for the Sumpter Road Corridor between Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville began last week with a webinar hosted by members of the township planning commission.

Township officials are now seeking input from residents, business owners, community leaders and other stakeholders about what they would like to see in the area. Township officials said that following completion of a full update to the master plan in 2020 they recognized more work needed to be done in several key areas.

One of the most important areas of concern is the south side, including the Sumpter Road Corridor, they said. This part of the township was planned in depth in 2007 through the South Side Master Plan.

"Based on feedback and direction in that plan, the township has kept its promise to keep much of the area south of Hull Road rural," explained Van Buren Township Public Services Director Matthew Best." North of Hull Road, the township planned for commercial future land use to Spencer Avenue and mixed use future land use north of Spencer Avenue. "It is time to hear again from the community," said Best.

Township officials are hoping for consensus on whether or not people want to see a different future along Sumpter Road south of Hull, they said. The township has already planned for limited pockets of commercial use, including the Citgo gas station and pockets of commercial use near the intersections with Bemis Road and Hull Road. Otherwise, the township has planned for large lot (rural) housing and agriculture.

Officials are also seeking guidance on how properties along Sumpter Road north of Hull can be better utilized, they said.

North of Hull Road, Belleville and Van Buren Township intertwine.

"Up until now, the township planned and zoned for commercial use from Hull Road to Spencer Avenue, and even zoned for industrial use to the north of Owen Street," said Van Buren Township Planning and Economic Development Director Dan Power. "One of the effects of the past planning and zoning is that lots built as home sites were planned to convert into things like retail, restaurants, offices, and even Industrial Uses." North of Spencer Avenue, the township planned for mixed use.

"The township would like to build consensus behind how this can be achieved, and do so in a way that complements zoning and land use on the City of Belleville side," stated Power.

Following the introductory webinar on April 28, Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara stated, "One of the striking results of the meeting was that there is no consensus yet. We heard from people who want something done north of Hull Road. But south of Hull Road, there are differing opinions on what to do or not to do. We need more input from the community."

Residents and others are asked to contact Power with suggestions or comments at dpower@vanburen-mi.org or (734) 699.8900, ext. 9392.

All feedback collected will be put into analysis and used as recommendations for the project, officials said. At a later date, the township will notify residents of specific scheduled public input activities related to the project. More information and future updates will be posted at vanburen-mi.org/SumpterRoadCorridor.

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Good clean fun

More than 130 volunteers participated in the April 24 Clean Up Day in Wayne. Rotary Club members who helped organized the event sent a special note of gratitude to those who helped collect trash from around the city. Officials said a special thanks was due to Lori Morrow, Juan Bradford, Mathew Mulholland, Nancy and Matt Wojeski, Ed Queen, all the volunteers from Wayne Main Street and photographer Stan Shelton. Professional Insurance donated breakfast and snacks, Mark Chevrolet donated pizza for lunch after the cleanup and Wayne Lawn and Garden sharpened chain saws and pruners. Rotary members said the volunteers from KICKS Taekwondo & Fitness were a force of nature during the event, which was completed "just before the rain began." The event was under the leadership of Carol Bevard.

School buses are 'out of gas'

Student transportation in the Wayne Westland Community Schools District is going green by swapping the older school buses for newer and more eco-friendly transportation, officials said.

Westland Mayor William Wild awarded the school district with a #MissionGreen Eco Award in celebration of Earth Day in response to the district efforts in reducing gas emissions and keeping students and the community safe and breathing clean air. Nineteen new propane buses will soon be on Wayne and Westland streets, 10 of those dedicated to special needs children.

The latest buses will have almost zero gas emissions and cost more than $2 million to purchase, officials said. The school district will receive a 40 percent reimbursement of the purchase price as part of a grant from the Volkswagen State Mitigation Trust.

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

NOTICE:
To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order(s) and MDHHS directive(s) regarding remote public meetings.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:04 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Clerk E. Hurst (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Treasurer J. Clark (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Trustees: Oddy (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Rush (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), LaPorte (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI) and Morgan (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI). Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Deputy Treasurer Clark, Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Chief Januszyk and 23 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments were received.

5. Minutes:
Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve warrants totaling: $_1,689,399.27. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report - Bowman: No Report.
Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Supervisor's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Attorney's Report - Young:
Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 33%, Insurance matters 0%, Employee matters 2%, Township Board meetings 7%, Meeting with Twp Officials 7%, Water & Sewer 12%, Police, Fire & Prosecutions 17%, Ordinance & Blight 3%, Labor Contract/LOU 6%, Republic 0%, Planning 2%, Library 1%, Parks & Recreation 1%, Storm Water Management & MDEQ 1%, Board Direction 5%, Audit/Finance 0% and Misc. 3%.

- After approximately 27 years, the litigation of Futernick vs. Sumpter Township has been settled.
- Attorney Young advised of MDHHS modifications on the public meeting directives that also removed the State attendance orders on indoor public meetings.
  Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to continue virtual Board Meetings through April, 2021 and reassess at the April 27th, 2021 Board Meeting for future meetings. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Attorney Young stated that the promotions for Police Officers Toth & Gannon are well deserved.
- Attorney Young addressed a letter to the editor that was published in the Belleville Independent allegedly by Treasurer (then Candidate) James Clark, its allegations, sources of information and inaccuracies.
  Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Attorney's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor
  T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Police Report - Chief Luke:
Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to receive and file the Police report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Building/Ordinance Report - Bowman:
Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to receive and file the Building/Ordinance report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report - Chief Januszyk:
- Chief Januszyk thanked the Van Buren Township Fire Department for the assistance in fighting a barn fine.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Fire report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response:
- Trustee LaPorte inquired of Attorney Young the status of a Resolution to address final pay requiring Board approval. Attorney Young indicated that this could be presented to the Board at the April 27th Board Meeting.
- Trustee Rush reminded all of the Parks & Recreation April 24th, 2021 Earth Day event and cleanup at Banotai Park from 10am to approx. 4pm and that volunteers are needed. Also, SkyWarn Training that is scheduled for Thursday evening, April 15th, 2021.

13. New Business:
A. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve of promoting Police Sergeant John Toth to Lieutenant. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve of promoting Police Lieutenant Patrick Gannon to Captain. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. Announcements:
A. Clerk Hurst advised that the Sumpter Township Community & Senior's Center will be closed from May 5th to May 17th, 2021 due to staffing.

15. Open Floor: No Attendees spoke.

16. Closed Session: pursuant to MCL 15.268{e} and {h} to consider attorney-client privileged material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law relative to employee confidentiality.

Attorney Rob Young introduced Mr. James Steffes, representative of MAFF and advised that, as the spokesperson for Ms. Colleen Armatis, Mr. Steffes requested the meeting stay in Open Session. Attorney Young further advised that, at any moment, this request could be withdrawn by Mr. Steffes. Mr. Steffes confirmed this request. Attorney Young also advised that as agreed there would be no time limitations on the discussion and all items should be addressed to Mr. Steffes.

Mr. Steffes, MAFF addressed the Board on the identified issues.

Chief Eric Luke gave a briefing of his investigation and his findings. In an earlier email, The Board was provided copies of the Sumpter Township Fire Department Payroll/Audit Investigation and Chief Luke's subsequent regrettable recommendation; Request to Terminate Employment of Firefighter Colleen Armatis, based on his findings.
Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman to terminate the employment of Firefighter Colleen Armatis. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush and LaPorte, Clerk E. Hurst, Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: Treasurer J. Clark, Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

17. Adjournment: Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

NOTICE:
To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order(s) and MDHHS directive(s) regarding remote public meetings.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 8:19 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Clerk E. Hurst (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Treasurer J. Clark (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Trustees: Oddy (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Rush (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), LaPorte (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI) and Morgan (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI). Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Deputy Treasurer Clark, Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Chief Januszyk and 11 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda with the following amendments;
Remove; 13. Unfinished Business: Item A.
Edit; 14. New Business: Item B
Edit; 14. New Business: Item D
Add; 14. New Business: Item K
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No Comments.

5. Minutes:
Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Morgan to approve the warrants total of $352,450.95. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Receive and File:
Motion by Hurst, supported by Morgan to receive and file the following reports;
- Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report
- Water & Sewer Report
- Planning & Zoning Report
- Senior Report
- Treasurer's Report

Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response:
- Trustee Rush advised and requested establishing a committee to review and determine procedures and a policy for the development and approval of the Sumpter Township Newsletter.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to establish a committee to review and determine procedures and a policy for the development and approval of the Sumpter Township Newsletter. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, and Rush. Nay: Treasurer J. Clark, Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

13. Unfinished Business:

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve to extend our Public Safety Director, Chief Eric Luke, contract for three years, holding at the same salary and benefits as of this date, $103,376 annually. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, and Rush. Nay: Treasurer J. Clark, Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

14. New Business:

A. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve for Treasurer James Clark and Deputy Treasurer Toni Clark to attend the Michigan Township Virtual Conferences & Expo April 19th- 21st, 2021. Conference Registration Fee $159 with Pre-Conference Classes $99.00 each. Dates 4/12 & 13, 2021. Total cost 5 days of training total $516.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve, with appreciation and regrets, of retirement of Battalion Chief Tim Armstrong from the Sumpter Twp. Fire Department effective date of 3/7/2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve for Deputy Supervisor/Finance Director to attend MTA Virtual Conference at the cost of $127 plus the Board Authorities and Roles pre- conference class for $99, total $226 for a three-day training, no meals or travel as it is virtual. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to approve, with Attorney recommendations, for HR Coordinator and Payroll services through ADP, due to urgent replacement services of vacancy. Annual, unlimited cost, contract for $55,000 and $6,000 for one-time implementation from Foster Thomas. Annual predicted savings of $58,000 per year. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve re-appointing Maria Beaudrie to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire 3/10/2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve of Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation request for a park clean up day and recognition of International Earth Day at Banotai Park on April 24, 2021. There will also be a Presentation/Discussion of the new butterfly habitat and a representative of Michigan Department of Natural Resources will be attending. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of Sumpter Township agenda/legislation item submission deadline by the Board of Trustees of Sumpter Township to the Clerk's Office to be the Monday, by 12:00 noon the week before the regularly scheduled Township board meeting. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, and Rush. Nay: Treasurer J. Clark, Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve to adopt the 2021-2022 Budget. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve to accept the proposal from Burnham & Flower Insurance Group for Township Liability and Insurance coverage effective 4/1/2021 at a cost of $106,992.75 annually. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

J. Due to emergency need; Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to establish HR responsibilities during and after the transition to a third party payroll/HR service to be with Esther Hurst and/or her designee who is currently authorized and designated by the Board to be the day-to-day oversight of the HR director position which is vacant. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

K. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to support Sumpter Township Fire LT Jamie Goode and his program development of the Sumpter Township Community Risk Reduction Program. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

15. Announcements: None.

16. Open Floor: One (1) attendee spoke.

17. Closed Session: pursuant to MCL 15.268{e} and {h} to consider attorney-client privileged material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law and to review pending litigation of Futernick vs. Sumpter Township.

At 8:55 pm, Motion by LaPorte, supported by Morgan to move into Closed Session. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst, Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:13 pm, Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to open the Regular Board Meeting. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:13 pm, Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to accept the Attorney's recommendations and actions as advised during the Closed Session. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

18. Adjournment: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to adjourn at 9:14 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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Westland police partner with First Step facility

Westland police have a new partner in efforts to help victims of domestic violence.

Earlier this year, the Westland Police Department formalized a partnership with First Step, in an effort to provide stronger, more immediate resources to victims of domestic violence, officials said.

As a result of this strengthened partnership, the Westland Police Department has named Alexis Reed as the Community Response Survivor Advocate. She is present in the department to facilitate more immediate assistance to those impacted by domestic and sexual violence. Reed graduated with a masters degree in victimology and criminal justice, with a special interest in trauma response. She has worked with survivors of domestic and sexual violence for three years.

Domestic violence cases are the most dangerous and difficult cases for officers to respond to and for victims to work through, according to national statistics. Like many cities, Westland has seen a dramatic increase in domestic violence reported cases. This is especially true during the current high-stress environment caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, explained Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik.

In 2018, Westland police officers responded to 1174 domestic violence or family trouble calls. This number grew in 2019 to 1207, and then to 1337 in 2020.

"While these calls sometimes result with a person arrested and criminally charged (216 in 2018, 297 in 2019 and 331 in 2020), 2/3 of domestic violence cases are not prosecuted, often due to victims who are afraid of the process and the uncertainty of the outcomes," commented Jedrusik. "This is why it is so important for us to pursue a partnership with a trained and certified victims advocate."

First Step is a non-profit agency that services individuals impacted by domestic and sexual violence in Wayne County. The mission of the non-profit facility is to eliminate domestic and sexual violence by providing comprehensive support services to the families and communities impacted by these crimes. All First Step services are free, voluntary, and confidential. Victims can opt in and out of services at any time and clients have complete control about information shared outside the agency. Participating in prosecution is not required to receive services, First Step officials said.

"Unfortunately, we have seen a spike in these types of cases during the COVID-19 pandemic and this partnership will be a great asset," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "It is also our hope, through this formal collaboration, the Westland community will know that these crimes are being taken seriously and there is support for victims at every stage of the process at no cost."

Reed, as community response survivor advocate, will provide support services for individuals identified as victims who are going through the criminal legal system including: Providing information on the criminal legal process; Informing victims of their legal rights; Accompaniment to criminal court hearings; Safety planning; Assistance in completing petitions for Personal Protection Orders; Connection to other First Step services and community resources.

Westland Mayor William Wild, left, and Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, right, officially welcomed new Community Response Survivor Advocate Alexis Reed to the city recently. Reed is in the department to facilitate immediate assistance to those impacted by domestic and sexual violence.

Stations

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erated from this program," commented Mayor William R. Wild.

"This additional revenue can be used to help offset other Citywide Mission:Green initiatives."

The City of Westland will also look to adopt an electric vehicle ordinance to encourage developers to include charging stations to further promote de-carbonization, officials said.

'Walk and Roll' public meeting is planned in city

They are on a roll in Westland as officials continue progress on the Wildwood Road Bikeway Plan which includes the creation of bicycle lanes on 3.5 miles of Wildwood Road,

In addition, officials are developing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan called Walk and Roll Westland to help connect residents with areas of high demand. A public meeting to share information about the plan is set for 5.30 p.m. May 11 and those interested can join the virtual meeting by phone at 1 (312)626-6799 meeting ID: 943 9827 6599; password: 228589. Officials are hoping to gain insight from the public about the future of walking and biking within the community. The meeting can also be joined by computer: Join by Computer:

> *We need as much public engagement and feedback as possible.*

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During the meeting, the city will present information on the Wildwood Road Bikeway Plan, which includes the creation of bicycle lanes on Wildwood Road running north-south from Warren Road to Glenwood Road contained entirely within Westland. The lanes would connect northern and southern residential areas with main arteries of commercial business, areas of concentrated employment, and recreation and entertainment facilities. Westland has identified this corridor as an ideal location to build awareness and capacity of bicycle friendly avenues with an emphasis on safety mitigation and minimal interruption to current traffic patterns, officials said.

"This plan will represent the most detailed non-motorized planning efforts yet by the city," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "We need as much public engagement and feedback as possible to ensure the plan provides a comprehensive outline of Westland's biking and walking priorities."

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Inkster - Romulus

Man faces murder charge in shooting of father

> *Hackney paid the $12,500 bond and was released while awaiting his next court appearance on the murder charge.*

The man who posted a Snapchat video of his dead father's corpse and called 911 in Romulus to report the fatal shooting has been released from jail on bond.

Devon Hackney, 19, is charged with one count of open murder and one count of felony firearm in connection with the fatal shooting of his father, Alex Hackney of Romulus. Police were called to the elder Hackney's residence in the 14100 block of Conover Place in Romulus at about 2:02 p.m. April 21 in response to a 911 call from the accused who admitted he had shot his father. Responding officers discovered the elder Hackney unresponsive and suffering from three gunshot wounds to the chest lying in the driveway of the home. Officers called medics to the scene and the victim was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Prosecutors allege there was a physical altercation between the defendant and his father prior to the fatal shooting.

The defendant was arraigned and remanded without bail to police custody on April 25. Defense attorney Ben Gonek filed for an emergency bond hearing for Hackney which took place before Judge Brian Oakley on April 26. Prosecutors argued during the hearing that shooting a man three times in the chest and posting a video of the scene required either no bail or a high bond. Oakley, however, sided with the defense and released Hackney on a $125,000 or 10-percent bond with the wearing of an electronic tether if bail were posted.

Hackney paid the $12,500 bond and was released while awaiting his next court appearance on the murder charge.

Devon Hackney

Police report lawmaker 'was hostile' during arrest

> *He reportedly attempted to use his elected position as a state representative to avoid arrest, telling troopers he would call Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on them during the stop.*

New reports indicate that Michigan State Representative Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) and a woman passenger in his vehicle were both partially undressed when police approached the scene of his crashed SUV three weeks ago.

Jewell Jones following arrest.

Published information indicates that Jones, 26, was holding up a woman near the passenger side door of the vehicle when state police approached. A paramedic responding to the scene of the accident observed that the woman's pants were down and Jones' pants were partially down according to official accounts of the scene from the Michigan Information & Research Service.

The woman passenger in Jones' vehicle during the crash in Livingston County remains unidentified.

She was transported from the scene by ambulance when medical responders determined she was unable to stand on her own, was unresponsive and had vomited. Jones protested her transfer into the ambulance and became argumentative, according to police reports.

He insisted the woman be transferred back into his vehicle and initially refused to identify himself other than as a "person of importance."

Jones is facing obstruction and weapons charges after a loaded Glock handgun was found in the cup holder of the vehicle. Dashcam video released by police shows Jones arguing with officers at the scene where he reportedly attempted to use his elected position as a state representative to avoid arrest, telling troopers he would call Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on them during the stop.

As he continued to argue with officers and refused to produce identification, he was wrestled to the ground by two officers as he became increasingly combative, according to police. He was tased and pepper-sprayed in efforts to subdue him, police said.

Paramedics reported that Jones had slurred speech and exuded a strong odor of alcoholic beverages, according to official reports. Blood tests later confirmed Jones blood alcohol level at 1.7, more than twice the legal limit for drunk driving.

Jones, the youngest state representative elected, represents Garden City, Inkster, and portions of Dearborn Heights, Livonia, and Westland.

He is facing four counts of resisting and obstructing a police officer, operating a vehicle with a high blood alcohol content and operating while intoxicated, reckless driving, and possession of a weapon while under the influence of alcohol.

Residents may have unclaimed assets

Romulus Treasurer Stacy Paigesaid she was surprised to recognize several local names when she recently accessed the Michigan.gov unclaimed property website, part of the state department of treasury.

Paige told members of the city council that a resident had contacted the office of Mayor LeRoy Burcroff with information that the city was listed as the owner of unclaimed property on the site. When Paige began the process of reclaiming the city items, she said "lots of names came up." She suggested that local residents access the unclaimed property section of the michigan.gov website to determine if they might have assets they are unaware of in the custody of the Michigan Department of the Treasury. The state website claims that there are millions of dollars in lost or forgotten assets from dormant bank accounts, uncashed checks, valuables left in safe deposit boxes and stock certificates which remain in state custody.

"I suggest everyone take a look at the site and reach out to family members and have them take a look," she told the council. "And I'd like to thank the resident who shared this information."

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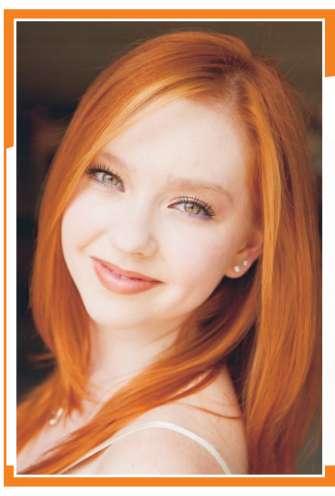

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CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-001

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE II, GENERAL BUSINESS REGULATION, SECTION(S) 30-25(c) AND 30-25(d) of the CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 30-25(c) and 30-25(d) are amended as follows:

(c). - Renewal registration procedure; form of application
(d). - Duplicate registration procedure

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 26th day of April 2021.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held electronically via the Zoom meeting/telecommunication platform on the 26th day of April, 2021.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Associated Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 6th day of May, 2021.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC,
Romulus City Clerk

COMPLETE COPY OF ORDINANCE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MI.

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced:	04-12-2021
Adopted:	04-26-2021
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B.L.O.C.K. marks 20th year of service in Canton

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center, the Canton Township center for tweens and teens ages 11 to 17, is celebrating the 20th anniversary this year, as the thousands of youngsters who have come through the doors since 2001 are remembered.

In an ongoing effort to shine the spotlight on what the B.L.O.C.K. has meant to past participants and staff, testimonials will be collected throughout the year and posted online at www.facebook.com/BlockYouthTeenCenter.

"It has been an honor and privilege to be in the position to encourage and empower area youth through the years and to hear from past participants just how impactful their experience at the B.L.O.C.K. has been," said Laura Mortier, Canton recreation specialist. "BLOCK staff works hard to prepare Canton's youth for life's challenges by teaching critical life skills such as teamwork, communication, work ethic, and respect, so this year is a great time to reflect on these accomplishments."

Designed to inspire the next generation, B.L.O.C.K. programs range from B.L.O.C.K. and Beyond After School programming; leadership programs, such as Youth Advisory Council, Lead #LikeAGirl, and Be A #ModelMan; Community Youth Connection, a community outreach program and more.

In commemoration of two decades of service to Canton teens, the B.L.O.C.K. has unveiled a new logo that was selected by teen members and staff that embodies the youthful energy and ubiquitous staple of all participants - a commemorative backpack. The celebration will continue all year long for B.L.O.C.K. participants with membership appreciation events and special activities. Community members can watch for an invitation to attend a special 'BLOCK party' this fall to mark this milestone.

The B.L.O.C.K. (Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids) Youth & Teen Center, which continues to impact more than 200 students each year in a safe and supervised environment, is located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. For more information about The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center, visit www.cantonfun.org/146 or call (734) 398-5570.

Police

FROM PAGE 1

Committee members will receive ongoing comprehensive legal, labor and educational training related to the best practices of holistic policing in the United States.

Conversations about such a group began last year with Trustee Sommer Foster, Graham-Hudak and Canton Library Director Eva Davis, as well as representatives of the police department. Davis is co-chair of the Police Transparency & Guidance Subcommittee of the Canton Coalition for Inclusive Communities.

The group was formed following discussion at a Hate Crimes Coalition, said Baugh, and will focus on excess force, racial or bias inferences, and false arrests. Co-chair is Deputy Police Chief Craig Wilsher.

Davis said the group will "give us visibility and have us have additional volunteers."

Other members are Kanye Gardner, Denise Lilly, Rachel Miller, and Rohit Singhal.

"This will not be a rubber stamp" Baugh said. "In reviewing situations, the facts and circumstances around them will be provided."

"The main thing will be guidance coming back to me," he said of the group.

Foster had also talked to former township Supervisor Pat Williams about this work "because we were in this place of turmoil in the country" with the Breonna Taylor and George Floyd deaths in Louisville and Minneapolis, respectively.

Two members of the community spoke during public comments at the April 27 Board of Trustees meeting, both praising the initiative.

> *This is the kind of thing that makes me proud to be associated with Canton Township.*

"I am looking forward to the work they're going to be doing," said Trustee Tania Ganguly.

The Hudson Webber Foundation likely will through a grant assist with police legal matters, added Baugh.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing how it works out," commented Trustee Kate Borninski.

Trustee Steven Sneideman thanked those involved for their work, with township Clerk Michael Siegrist adding, "This is the kind of thing that makes me proud to be associated with Canton Township."

In other business at the meeting, township retiree Brad Sharp was lauded for his work in helping oversee construction of the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill as well as working to develop parks in the community.

"You certainly will be missed," said Greg Hohenberger, township director of Leisure Services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
5 YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AMENDMENT AND
2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Canton Township announces the public comment period for amendments to the PY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and amendments to the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan. The above named documents for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) are available for inspection on the Canton Township website at https://www.canton-mi.org. Comments on the **CONSOLIDATED PLAN** and the **ANNUAL ACTION PLAN** will be accepted for 5 days, beginning May 6, 2021. Comments received during the public comment period will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the reports.

Publish: May 6, 2021 Michael Siegrist, Clerk CN2223 - 050621 2.5 x 1.648

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 2021 for the following:

TREE REMOVAL AND PRUNING PROGRAM - REBID

Bids may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held on April 27, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted an amendment to the Charter Township of Canton Zoning Ordinance (Appendix A - Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton) to add Section 6.02(AA), which includes standards for Outdoor Dining Accessory to a Restaurant. The adopted amendment is included in Article 6 (Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses), Section 6.02 (Site Development Standards for Nonresidential Uses).

This amendment to the Zoning Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days after its publication date. Copies of the amendment may be viewed or obtained at the Canton Township Administration Building, Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours.

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Effective Date: May 14, 2021 CN2224 - 050621 2.5 x 1.838

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 2021 for the following:

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION PROGRAM

Proposal may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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LEGAL SUMMARY

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 74
UTILITIES ORDINANCE, PART I

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II, ENTITLED "RATES AND CHARGES", SECTION 74-83.

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE (a) PROVIDE FOR REVISED WATER RATES AND CHARGES (b) PROVIDE FOR REVISED SEWER RATES AND CHARGES.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 & 2. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE

This Ordinance is hereby adopted to amend Part 1, Chapter 74, Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 74-83(a) water rates and charges and Section 74-83(b) sewer rates and charges.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEAL

All Ordinances, or part of the Ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE

All rights and duties which have been mattered, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188, during regular business hours. CN2225 - 050621 2.5 x 5.739

Northville - Plymouth

Northville welcomes new city council member

Andrew Krenz has officially joined the Northville City Council.

Krenz was sworn into office April 27 in council chambers at city hall by 35th District Judge James Plakas in front of his family and city officials.

Officials said that five highly-qualified city residents volunteered to fill the council seat of former member Sam Ekong who resigned last month. The five, James C. Allen, Joseph Corriveau, Philip Goodman, Krenz and Ryan McKindles, were interviewed by council members at a special meeting April 22.

Each of the candidates was given five minutes to explain their interest in the open position and why they were qualified to fill the role. Previously, each had submitted a letter of interest for the open position. All qualified individuals who met the deadline were interviewed for the position.

Judge James Plakas, center, officiated at the swearing in of new Northville City Councilman Andrew Krenz, second from left, as he joins Mayor Pro tem Marilyn Price, far left, Councilmember Barbara Moroski-Browne and Mayor Brian Turnbull, far right.

Krenz lives on Linden Court with his wife and three children. An engineer by profession, he works at GM as a team leader in the development of battery-powered vehicles. He has master's degrees in business administration and international business, and in engineering, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in material science engineering.

He leads the Farmers' Market Task Force, a group of 15 people. As a member of the Northville Planning Commission, he supported the ordinance and was instrumental in getting front porch incentive approved. He also served on the subcommittee for public input into the master plan subarea update, and said there was ample outreach, which led to 300 pages of citizen and community input. He said that he has listened to the community, stating, "I know the pulse of this city."

He cited the commitment to sustainability, history and walkability in the city and said he wants to help advance efforts on those fronts. He noted that Northville is aging rapidly and he would like to see more families with children move into the city.

More than 3,000 vaccinated at Plymouth clinics

More than 3,000 individuals received the COVID-19 vaccine at the Plymouth Cultural Center in March and April, according to city records.

Rite Aid approached Plymouth officials in early March, when there were 100 extra COVID vaccines that had to be used before the expiration date. City officials immediately arranged for the vaccines to be taken to Tonquish Creek Manor, which houses seniors.

Rite Aid leaders called on the city again in March with an extra 30 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine which were distributed to those who were available on the same day that second doses were given to the initial group at Tonquish Manor.

Then, things got serious, officials said. Rite Aid officials asked Plymouth to host a two-day clinic with 1,200 vaccinations available.

City Information Technology Director Tom Alexandris immediately set up an online signup site, securing volunteers including city staff members, their family members and volunteers from the Plymouth Rotary Club. City Manager Paul Sincock and Plymouth Recreation Director Steve Anderson were tasked with the logistics at the cultural center during the clinic.

> *We are welcoming, we think creatively when there's a challenge in front of us, and we're eager to put partnerships to work.*

"We know what we do well," said Sincock. "When given an opportunity to help out the community and do our part to wipe out this pandemic, we put our organizing skills to use, making sure everything runs smoothly and that everyone feels welcome and comfortable."

On the morning of the April 15-16 first clinic, Rite Aid realized the efficient setup could accommodate more than the 600 doses per day initially planned, and asked Plymouth to accept more appointments for inoculations.

Nearly 2,000 people were vaccinated during those two days, Sincock said.

He added that there were lots of satisfied customers on their way to being fully vaccinated and the city then scheduled another clinic April 27 and 28 when approximately 900 people received a vaccine.

"It's part of what makes Plymouth Plymouth," said Mayor Oliver Wolcott. "We are welcoming, we think creatively when there's a challenge in front of us, and we're eager to put partnerships to work.

Signing in

The Northville Township Police Department welcomed new Ofc. Edin Livadic with his official swearing in on April 12 before Township Clerk Roger Lundberg. Livadic joins Northville after serving for three years as a police officer for the Redford Township Police Department. He previously worked as a dispatcher for the Hamtramck Police Department while pursuing his associates' degree in criminal justice from Macomb Community College. He is a graduate of the Macomb Police Academy. Livadic is multilingual and speaks Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian. He was born in Bosnia and Herzegovina and immigrated with his parents to the United States when he was a child.

Speaking up

Friends of the Plymouth District Library will welcome former U.S. Attorney and current University of Michigan Law professor Barbara L. McQuade who will share her thoughts on "Liberty, Safety and the Rule of Law" during a Zoom presentation at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 11.

McQuade served as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan from 2010 to 2017. Appointed by President Barack Obama, she was the first woman to serve in her position.

For information on viewing McQuade's presentation, call the library at (734) 453-0750.

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